

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING IN UTAH GETS A BOOST WITH FEDERAL SURPLUS

If creativity and hard work are the "right stuff" for training Utah's fire and rescue personnel, then Utah Valley State College (UVSC) has it in Director Steve Lutz and Assistant Director for Support Services Dan Crowbridge. This team has been fixing, building and inventing everything from classrooms to hazardous waste spills for more than ten years with less than "enough money," and a little help from the Federal Surplus Property Program. "Surplus has been a real benefit to us here," he said. "Since I've been here, we've obtained everything from office furniture to vehicles to all sorts of raw materials that we use to build training props. One particularly innovative training prop is used for hazardous waste clean-up training. By utilizing a surplus tank, boat trailer, a pump system, the team has created a spill simulator. Prior to the creation of the simulator, training was done by "imagination."



This live fire trainer is being built with large quantities of Federal Surplus Property.

Along with training the students enrolled at UVSC, the Academy also travels throughout the state training and certifying volunteer fire fighters. The Academy certifies fire fighters at 14 different levels from entry level to officers and investigators. Emergency Medical Technicians and Hazardous Waste Clean up is also taught through the Academy.

"We've got a whole series of semi-trailers and props that we haul all around, it's kind'a, the circus comes to town," Lutz said. The Academy trainers load the semi-trucks with live fire props, self-contained breath apparatus and extra fire safety gear, much of which was obtained through the Federal Surplus Program. The training kits are packed on metal pallets, obtained through the Program, and placed in the trailers for shipping to the class site.

The team is currently working on a fire simulator that is being built from a surplus multi-head propane pump. They have taken liquor store shelving and turned it into storage compartments for the students to keep their personal items during class. "You could almost say we take advantage of the system," Crowbridge said. "We go up [to Surplus Property] and see possibilities. Where people look at something and see a piece of junk, we look and see something that could help us deliver training or improve the way we do the training. We look at things not as they are, but what they can be."

Saline County Furnishes New Office Space with Surplus Furniture

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Saline County, Missouri is very proud of the surplus property they obtained to furnish their new office space in the Saline County Courthouse. They indicate they would not have been able to afford the remodeling and furnishing of their new space without the assistance of their State Agency for Surplus Property. They conservatively estimate that they saved in excess of \$15,000 because of the availability of furniture through the State Agency for Surplus Property. The furniture and equipment received, some of which was refinished by the Missouri Department of Corrections, is attractive and functional. The cooperation between the County and State Agency for Surplus Property allowed them to remodel an office that will be a source of pride to their historic courthouse.



This spill simulator was created using a surplus tank, boat trailer and pump system.